

May 18, 2018

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

KENNETH KLUTH and STEPHEN  
SCHENK,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SANTANDER CONSUMER USA INC.,  
and AUTO TRACKERS AND  
RECOVERY NORTH, LLC,  
Defendants.

No. 1:17-cv-03149-SAB

**ORDER DENYING  
STIPULATED MOTION FOR  
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Before the Court is Defendant Santander Consumer USA Inc's Motion for Entry of Stipulated Protective order, ECF No. 37. The motion was heard without oral argument.

The parties jointly move the Court to sign and enter a Protective Order that was drafted and agreed to by the parties. It is this Court's practice to not enter general Protective Orders that simply set forth the parties' agreement for handling "confidential" materials.

The parties are free to contract between themselves regarding disclosure of information produced in discovery, and pursue appropriate remedies in the event of breach; however, the Court will not be party to such an agreement. If, in the future, the parties wish to file specific items of discovery in the court record and protect such items from public access, the Court will entertain an application for a

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1 narrowly tailored protective order.

2 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

3 1. The Defendant Santander Consumer USA Inc's Motion for Entry of  
4 Stipulated Protective order, ECF No. 37, is **DENIED**.

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Executive is hereby directed to  
6 file this Order and provide copies to counsel.

7 **DATED** this 18th day of May 2018.



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